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The following notes on military facilities and installations in the four provinces of North Korea were collected during the period 1 April to 30 June. Most of the information was obtained from personal observation.

1. North Hamgyong Province.

a. Aoji-dong (130-24, 42-31) (FC-1508).

Army clothing manufacturing plant.

Items produced: army uniforms, straps, belts.

Laborers : 1,500 prisoners.

Engineers : 500, half skilled and half unskilled.

Machines and equipment moved from Ch'ongjin last winter and now operated by electric power.

b. Ch'ongjin (129-49, 41-47) (EB-6826).

(1) Cart transportation battalion, serving the route from Namyang (129-51, 42-58) (EC-6957) to Ch'ongjin via Hoeryong (129-45, 42-26) (EB-6298), if truck transportation service is halted. Clothing, ammunition, and gasoline are the main items carried. The battalion consists of 120 carts.

(2) 835 Brigade. 7 Regiment in Kyo-dong (129-50, 41-54) (EB-6939).

(3) 3 Battalion of 507 Brigade.

(4) Guerrilla command post, formed by 700 teen-aged boys.

Location: Sosura (129-51, 41-48) (EB-7127).

Duty : Espionage and spotting of reactionaries.

c. Myongchon (129-28, 41-12) (EA-3961). 507 Brigade.

d. Wŏnpyŏng (129-13, 40-52) (EA-1824).

Underground facilities for trains.

Repair shop for locomotives and places to keep trains and locomotives in cave 900 meters long. Width unknown. 60 persons work day and night in repair shop.

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e. Songjin (129-12, 40-40) (EA-1701).

- (1) Munitions plant. A cave 300 meters long set in the mountain of Saeng-po (129-12, 40-41) (EA-1703). Less than 2,000 laborers. Repairs weapons and manufactures vehicle accessories.
- (2) 2 Battalion of 835 Brigade, serving as railroad patrol and guard.
- (3) North Korean navy headquarters, near munitions plant.
- (4) Supply post for trains, which are loaded here with war materiel and farm products. (Steel plant, formerly located here, has been completely destroyed. No intention to reconstruct.)

f. Between Songjin and Yongsong and between Manchun (128-30, 40-08) (DV-5742) and Ilshin (129-07, 40-31) (EV-1085). Long tunnels used for air-raid shelters. Locomotives are kept in these tunnels.

g. Saengiriyong (129-37, 41-38) (EB-5109).

- (1) Coal mine, being operated by 700 laborers. Production 120 tons per day. The coal is used for locomotives.
- (2) Transportation facilities for civilians: the railroad operates daily from Kilchu (129-20, 40-58) (EA-2835) to Hyesanjin (128-11, 41-24) (DA-3283). Used for military transportation at night, supplemented by trucks and buses. Tunnels used for locomotive and train shelter.
- (3) Gasoline reservoir at Hoeryong, Ch'ongjin, and Haksong (unlocated). Main supply point is Ch'ongjin, from where gasoline is supplied to Ch'ongjin and Haksong. Train stops at Panjuk (129-47, 41-49) (EB-6529), small station before Ch'ongjin, and freight is changed to cart and carried to Ch'ongjin city.

2. South Hamgyong Province.

a. Tanch'on (128-54, 40-27) (DV-9277).

- (1) One company of 835 Brigade. Duty to guard and maintain peace, especially for railroad.
- (2) 2 Battalion of 507 Division, an anti-aircraft unit equipped with light weapons.

b. Kiam (128-49, 40-21) (DV-8466). 3 and 4 Companies of 507 Division. Anti-aircraft and security control duty.

c. Pakch'ong (128-19, 40-15) (DV-4255). Regimental command post 507 Division. Office and equipment, including 17 trucks, hidden in mountain cave. Vehicles used for transporting food.

d. Yanghwa (128-15, 40-05) (DV-3637). 2 Company, 1 Battalion, 7 Regiment of 835 Brigade. Security and guard duty.

e. Hongwon (127-57, 40-02) (DV-1032). Command post 1 Battalion of 835 Brigade.

f. T'ongjo (127-47, 39-54) (CV-9617). Command post of anti-aircraft unit attached to 507 Division.

g. Hamhung (127-32, 39-54) (CV-7517). Regiment of 6 Division of 835 Brigade, five miles west of Hamhung.

h. Pon'gung (127-34, 39-52) (CV-7713). Regimental command post 564 unit.

i. Taburaesan (多寶寨山)

- (1) Army supply post, quartermaster depot.

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- (2) One battalion of Chinese Communist Army.
 Small, mountainous place with many caves prepared for storing supplies.
1. Wonsan (127-26, 39-10) (CU-6536).
 - (1) Regimental command post of North Korean navy headquarters.
 - (2) Chinese Communist army battalion.
 - (3) Headquarters, North Korean army battalion.
 - (4) North Korean army provost marshal.
 (All above offices in the old monastery in Dukwon, five miles northeast of Wonsan.)
 - (5) Chinese reconstruction corps, consisting of civilian engineers of all types; headquarters in Ungok (127-38, 39-54) (CV-8317). Over 2,000 Chinese in this unit, spread in villages in the area. Korean farmers supply food.
 - (6) Mine field from Kiam (128-49, 40-21) (DV-8466) to Soho (127-40, 39-49) (CV-8608).
3. South Pyongan Province.
 - a. Chungwha (125-48, 38-51) (YD-4305).
 - (1) Chinese Communist army quartermaster depot.
 - (2) Chinese Communist general staff office.
 - b. Pyongyang
 - (1) Russian Mission. Civil assistance one of its most important duties in North Korea.
 - (2) 835 Brigade headquarters.
 Commander: Major General YI Hong-yon (李鴻源), Russian born.
 Duty : railroad security.
 - (3) Chinese Communist Anti-aircraft Division.
 Commander: KUO Chung-lung (郭重龍).
 1. Sopo (125-44, 39-05) (YD-3629).
 - (1) Chinese Communist army general staff headquarters, with responsibility for Sopo and Yangdok area.
 - a. Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (BU-9643) - Naedong (126-43, 39-12) (CV-0341).
 - (1) Regiment for repelling guerrillas. Evaders, both Korean and Chinese, and right-wing Korean youth concentrated in mountain area of Pukt'aebong (126-40, 39-20) (BU-9956) and Paeksan.
 - (2) Command post Chinese Communist Division.
 Six anti-aircraft artillery pieces on road.
4. Hwanghae Province
 - a. Sariwon (125-45, 38-30) (YC-4064).
 - (1) Command post battalion Chinese Communist army (quartermaster).
 - (2) Sheltering point for tanks (ten tanks can be hidden 4 kilometers north of Sariwon).
 - (3) Seven anti-aircraft artillery pieces around city.
 - b. Sinmak (126-13, 38-25) (BT-5855).

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- (1) Shelter post two miles north of Sinnak, in tunnel. 20 tanks hidden.
 - (2) North Korean soldiers in seven freight cars belonging to tank troop.
 - (3) Chinese Communist 2 Division command post at Yondang-dong, five kilometers east of Sinnak.
- c. Namch'on (126-24, 38-20) (BT-7346). Chinese Communist reconstruction unit, organized with 3,000 persons spread from suburb of Namch'on to Namch'on city.
- d. Mulgae-ri (126-19, 38-23) (BT-6651). Chinese Communist army quartermaster depot.
- e. Sibyon-ni (126-42, 38-18) (BT-9941).
- (1) Command post, Chinese Communist field army.
 - (2) 700 POW's, including U. S.
- f. Namch'on (126-29, 38-09) (BT-8025). Three companies North Korean army, with 20 42mm artillery pieces and 10 80mm direct fire guns.
- g. Panjong-ni (126-32, 38-04) (BT-8416).
- (1) Regimental command post.
 - (2) Staff training center, 1 kilometer south of Panjong-ni. Accommodates high ranking officers above company grade. Organized May 1951.
1. Comment. According to information available to this office, the 507 Brigade is the code name for the 63 Brigade. Sometimes the 63 Brigade is referred to as a division, but this is unacceptable.

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